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A. (1) Applicant hereby discloses the following Foreign Patent DocumentS
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	<u>Publication No.</u>	<u>Publication Date</u>	<u>Inventor</u>
1.	JP 2002-286104	Oct. 3, 2002	Tsutomi et al.
2.	JP 11-223252	August 17, 1999	Simpson et al.

B. Copies of the patents and literature are included herewith pursuant to 37 C.F.R.
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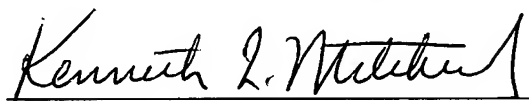
1. JP 2002-286104 published Oct. 3, 2002 to Tsutomi et al. discloses a hydraulic
plastic tensioner.

2. JP 11-223252 published August 17, 1999 to Simpson et al. discloses a hydraulic chain tensioner.

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Respectfully submitted,

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